

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **General Information Concerning the -Pharmacy Examining Board-**

The Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining board is housed within the Department of Regulation and Licensing which in turn is of cabinet level rank within the executive branch of the Wisconsin state government. It is the Board's responsibility to administer and enforce pharmacy laws and administrative rules. Its functions include:

- (1) Licensing pharmacists, pharmacies, manufacturers and distributors of prescription drugs and devices.
- (2) Adopting administrative rules.
- (3) Preparing and conducting licensure examinations.
- (4) Investigating violations of laws under its jurisdiction, and
- (5) Taking disciplinary action against its licensees.

The Board is composed of 7 members. Five are pharmacists and two are public or non-pharmacist members. Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve for a term of four years and may serve for two consecutive terms. The Board elects its Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

The Board meets as a body approximately twelve times per year. In addition, the Board has a number of standing committees and statutory mandated membership on several other councils or boards. These include:

1. Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
2. Controlled Substances Board
3. Pharmacy Advisory Council
4. Pharmacy Internship Board
5. Examination Committee

A schedule of the dates and locations of board and committee meetings may be obtained from the Board office, PO Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935.

The Department of Regulation and Licensing is an umbrella agency providing administrative services to various professional boards. The Bureau of Health Professions, within the department, provides administrative services to the Pharmacy Examining Board. Questions about board business may be directed to the examining board in care of the Bureau of Health Professions, PO Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935.

This booklet contains statutes and rules relevant to the regulation and practice of pharmacy in Wisconsin. These statutes and rules are part of the law of Wisconsin. To assist in using these materials, a subject index is included at the end of the booklet. Only a limited number of statutes and rules are included in this booklet.

The development of the law in this area is ongoing. Therefore, these rules and statutes may be revised subsequent to the printing of this booklet. Most local libraries maintain current sets of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and the Wisconsin Statutes. These documents as well as other state publications are available from the Department of Administration, Document Sales Division, PO Box 7840, Madison, WI 53707. Telephone number: (608) 266-3358.

All Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Codes are available on the Internet at the following addresses:

Statutes: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/statutes.html>

Rules: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/codtoc.html>